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Jobs Up in All 14 Metro Areas in May

Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan Area	May 2023*	May 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.5%	3.5%	0.0
Carbondale-Marion	4.0%	4.2%	-0.2
Champaign-Urbana	3.7%	3.6%	0.1
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	3.2%	4.5%	-1.3
Danville	5.2%	4.7%	0.5
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.9%	3.4%	0.5
Decatur	5.4%	5.4%	0.0
Elgin	4.3%	4.1%	0.2
Kankakee	5.0%	4.9%	0.1
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.1%	3.7%	0.4
Peoria	4.4%	4.3%	0.1
Rockford	5.9%	6.2%	-0.3
Springfield	3.8%	3.9%	-0.1
St. Louis (IL-Section)	3.7%	3.7%	0.0
Illinois Statewide	3.6%	4.4%	-0.8

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – Over-the-year, total nonfarm jobs increased in all fourteen metropolitan areas for the year ending May 2023, according to data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (DES). Over-the-year, the unemployment rate increased in seven metropolitan areas, decreased in four, and was unchanged in three.

“Illinois continues to experience steady, persistent job growth across the state, a trend that has continued for more than two years,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “IDES remains a critical resource connecting workers and employers to fill newly created positions as job growth expansion continues across industries and metro areas.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Bloomington MSA (+3.2%, +3,200), the Peoria MSA (+2.9%, +4,900), and the Champaign-Urbana MSA (+2.7%, +3,200). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago Metro Division were up +1.6% or +61,500. Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Government (fourteen areas); Education and Health Services, Leisure and Hospitality, and Other

Services (eleven areas each); Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (nine areas); and Manufacturing (eight areas)

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate increases were the Danville MSA (+0.5 point to 5.2%), the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (+0.5 point to 3.9%), and the Lake-Kenosha County IL-WI Metro (+0.4 point to 4.1%). The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Chicago Metro (-1.3 percentage points to 3.2%), a record low unemployment rate for the month of May, followed by the Rockford MSA (-0.3 point to 5.9%) and the Carbondale-Marion MSA (-0.2 point to 4.0%).

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan Area	May 2023*	May 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	98,200	95,200	3,000
Carbondale-Marion MSA	57,200	56,500	700
Champaign-Urbana MSA	122,700	119,500	3,200
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,804,100	3,742,600	61,500
Danville MSA	27,200	27,000	200
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	185,500	182,700	2,800
Decatur MSA	48,900	48,000	900
Elgin Metro Division	267,300	260,600	6,700
Kankakee MSA	43,300	43,200	100
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	423,700	416,500	7,200
Peoria MSA	173,700	168,800	4,900
Rockford MSA	146,400	146,200	200
Springfield MSA	109,500	108,700	800
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	241,300	241,000	300
Illinois Statewide	6,150,100	6,030,300	119,800

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